

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims, as follows:

Claim 1. (original) A compact disc of circular and non-circular shape comprising:  
a disc body having a central annular portion and a recording portion;  
a recording and reflective layer provided on the recording portion of the disc body  
and covered by a protective coating;  
a basic cover paint applied to said annular portion;  
at least one defined area with a border and central portion situated in the annular  
or recording portion containing a hidden printing; and  
a scratch-off paint coating covering said defined area.

Claim 2. (original) A compact disc of claim 1, wherein the defined area printing is  
separated from the scratch-off paint by a translucent interlayer coating for protecting the  
hidden printing when applying and removing the scratch-off paint.

Claim 3. (original) A compact disc of claim 2, wherein the interlayer coating overlaps  
the boarder portion of the defined area by at least 2 mm.

Claim 4. (original) A compact disc of claim 3, wherein the thickness of the interlayer  
coating is in the range from 40 to 58 microns.

Claim 5. (original) A compact disc of claim 1, wherein the scratch-off paint coating bears a guidance printing.

Claim 6. (currently amended): A compact disc of circular and non-circular shape comprising:

an disc body having a central annular portion and a recording portion;  
a recording and reflective layer provided on the recording portion of the disc body and covered by a protective coating;  
a basic cover paint applied to said annular portion;  
at least one defined area with a border and central portion situated in the annular or recording portion above the basic cover paint and containing a hidden printing;  
a translucent interlayer coating covering the defined area; and  
a scratch-off paint coating applied to said interlayer coating.

Claim 7. (original) A compact disc of claim 6, wherein the translucent interlayer coating is from 40 to 58 microns in thickness and overlaps the boarder portion of the defined area by at least 2 mm.

Claim 8. (currently amended) A compact disc of circular and non-circular shape comprising:

an optically readable disc body having a central annular portion and a recording portion;  
a recording and reflective layer provided on the recording portion of the disc body

and covered by a protective coating;  
a basic cover paint applied to said annular portion;  
at least one defined area with a border and central portion situated in the annular or recording portion containing a hidden printing;  
a scratch-off paint coating covering said defined area; and  
a means for protecting the hidden printing when applying and removing the scratch-off paint.

Claim 9. (previously presented) A compact disc of claim 8, wherein the means for protecting the hidden printing when applying and removing the scratch-off paint is a translucent interlayer coating which separates the defined area from the scratch-off paint.

Claim 10. (previously presented) A compact disc of claim 9, wherein the interlayer coating overlaps the boarder portion of the defined area by at least 2 mm.

Claim 11. (previously presented) A compact disc of claim 10, wherein the thickness of the interlayer coating is in the range from 40 to 58 microns.

Claim 12. (previously presented) A compact disc of claim 8, wherein the scratch-off paint coating bears a guidance printing.